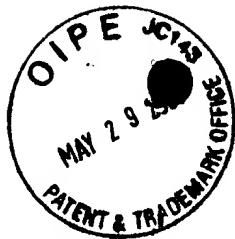


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed April 27, 2001 (Paper #11) in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please replace the entire Sequence Listing with the accompanying Substitute Sequence Listing. As requested, Applicant has deleted the extraneous numerals at the end of the file and has defined "n" as any nucleotide in field <233> for SEQ ID NO: 5. Applicant has also amended SEQ ID NO's: 2, 5, 7-10, 13-15, 20, 22-24, and 26 to provide the locations of the n's in field <222>. In addition, Applicant has provided the standard terminology "artificial sequence" in

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field <213> to describe the oligonucleotides where appropriate. Because these amendments merely correct informalities in the Sequence Listing, the Substitute Sequence Listing does not include new matter.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct questions concerning this application to the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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